

**ZAMBIA’S STATEMENT DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF CAMEROON**

**TO BE DELIVERED ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2023**

**Mr. President,**

We warmly welcome the delegation of Cameroon to the fourth cycle of the UPR. We congratulate them for the presentation of their national report.

We commend Cameroon on its initiative to enhance the standard of living of its people through the implementation of the national development strategies.

Zambia wishes to recommend the following to the delegation of Cameroon:

1. Intensify efforts to improve maternal and child health outcomes by investing in training and provision of medical professionals in rural areas
2. Enhance efforts aimed at improving the availability and quality of the primary health-care system by ensuring that hospitals are well-staffed with medical personal, equipment and medicines
3. Expediate the process of abolishing all laws that allow child and forced marriages and criminalise such practices

As we conclude, we wish Cameroon a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.